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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

"They Thought They Were Free"

"What no one seemed to notice was the ever widening gap between the government and the people. And it became always wider.....the whole process of its coming into being, was above all diverting, it provided an excuse not to think....For people who did not want to think anyway gave us some dreadful, fundamental things to think about.....and kept us so busy with continuous changes and 'crises' and so fascinated.....by the machinations of the 'national enemies,' without and within, that we had no time to think about these dreadful things that were growing, little by little, all around us.....

"Each step was so small, so inconsequential, so well explained or, on occasion, 'regretted,' that unless one understood what the whole thing was in principle, what all these 'little measures'.....must some day lead to, one no more saw it developing from day to day than a farmer in his field sees the corn growing.....Each act is worse than the last, but only a little worse. You wait for the next and the next.

"You wait for one great shocking occasion, thinking that others, when such a shock comes, will join you in resisting somehow. You don't want to act, or even talk, alone.....you don't want to 'go out of your way to make trouble.' But the one great shocking occasion, when tens or hundreds or thousands will join with you, never comes.

"That's the difficulty. The forms are all there, all untouched, all reassuring, the houses, the shops, the jobs, the mealtimes, the visits, the concerts, the cinema, the holidays. But the spirit, which you never noticed

because you made the lifelong mistake of identifying it with the forms, is changed. Now you live in a world of hate and fear, and the people who hate and fear do not even know it themselves, when everyone is transformed, no one is transformed.

"You have accepted things you would not have accepted five years ago, a year ago, things your father.....could never have imagined."

--Milton Mayer, *They Thought They Were Free, The Germans, 1938-45* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1955)

"People said it didn't matter"

When President Barack Obama appointed a cabinet member and advisors who were tax cheats and socialists, People said it didn't matter.

When former Sen. Tom Daschle, Obama's pick for health and human services secretary, could not be confirmed because he was a tax cheat, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed John Holdren "science czar", who believes in forced abortions, mass sterilizations and seizing babies from teen mothers, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed Cass Sunstein "regulatory czar", who believes in "Explicit Consent", harvesting human organs without family consent, and allowing animals to be represented in court, while banning all hunting, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed Kevin Jennings, an overt homosexual, and organizer of a group called gay, lesbian, straight education network, as "safe school czar" and it became known that he had a history of bad advice to teenagers, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed Mark Lloyd "diversity czar", who believes in curtailing free speech, taking from one and giving to another to spread the wealth and admires Hugo Chavez, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed Carol Browner "global warming czar", and she is a well known socialist working on Cap and Trade as the nation's largest tax hike in history, People said it didn't matter.

When he appointed Van Jones, an ex-con and avowed Communist as "green energy czar", who since had to resign when this was made known, People said it didn't matter.

When Valerie Jarrett was named senior White House advisor and she is an avowed Socialist, People said it didn't matter.

When Anita Dunn, White House Communications director, said Mao Tse Tung was her favorite philosopher and the person she turned to most for inspiration, People said it didn't matter.

-- bft@biblefortoday.org

Gun Facts

Gun Facts - Your Guide to Debunking Gun Control Myths

Gun Facts is a free e-book that debunks common myths about gun control. It is intended as a reference guide for journalists, activists, politicians, and other people interested in restoring honesty to the debate about guns, crime, and the 2nd Amendment.

Gun Facts has 98 pages of information. Divided into chapters based on gun control topics (assault weapons, ballistic finger printing, firearm availability, etc.), finding information is quick and easy.

Each chapter lists common gun control myths, then lists a number of documented and cited facts (with nearly 500 detailed footnotes). Thus when a neighbor, editor or politician repeats some sound bite about firearm control policy, you can quickly find that myth then rebuke with real information.

-- www.gunfacts.info

Amicus Brief in *McDonald v. Chicago*:

On Behalf of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association, Et Al

David B. Kopel Independence Institute; Denver University, Sturm College of Law

U Denver Legal Studies Research Paper No. 09-32

The Supreme Court of the United States, No. 08-1521

Abstract:

Guns save lives. Criminological data, studies of criminals, and natural experiments show that American citizens frequently use firearms, especially handguns, for lawful self-defense. Because defensive arms are common in American homes, occupied homes in the U.S. are burglarized at a much lower rate than in other nations.

Ending handgun prohibition does not lead to disaster. This is shown in the District of Columbia post-*Heller*, and in South Carolina in 1965 after the 1902 ban on handgun sales was lifted.

Chicago's 1982 handgun ban was immediately followed by a very sharp increase in crime relative to other large American cities. In Chicago, as in many other cities, 911 response is often too slow to save crime victims.

Police officers in Chicago are murdered at a rate 79% above the national average, and at a higher rate than in most other large cities. Chicago's handgun prohibition is so ineffective that it has not even reduced the percentage of murders perpetrated with handguns—a percentage that has risen notably since the ban was imposed.

Judicial protection of the right to keep and bear arms would not interfere with police anti-crime tactics such as New York City's aggressive frisks of suspected illegal gun carriers.

In eleven cases, the Supreme Court has overturned convictions because they violated the defendant's right of armed self-defense. The cases provide further evidence that the right is deeply rooted in our history and traditions, and is fundamental to our scheme of justice.

Handguns are often the superior choice for home defense, and the liberty to choose the right arm for defending the family belongs to every individual family.

Stealth Jihad

"I have complete faith that Islam will invade Europe and America, because Islam has logic and a mission," said Muhammad Mahdi Othman when he took over leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood in 2004. But he didn't mean an invasion of armies or even of bomb-wielding terrorists. "The Europeans and the Americans will come into the bosom of Islam out of conviction."

Forming that conviction would take a concerted effort spanning years. But the ultimate goal of the stealth jihad is clear: the elimination of Western civilization. In 1982 a Muslim Brotherhood document detailed a 12-point strategy to "establish an Islamic government on earth." Instead of advocating terrorism, the document advises avoiding "confrontation with our adversaries, at the local or the global scale, which would be disproportionate and could lead to attacks against the dawa [Islamic proselytizing] or its disciples." Instead, according to terror analyst Patrick Poole, the Brotherhood would "use deception to mask the intended goals of Islamist actions."

Those goals were described in detail by a top Brotherhood operative in the U.S., Mohamed Akram, who explained in a memorandum dated May 22, 1991 that the Muslim Brotherhood "must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and Allah's religion is made victorious over all other religions."

The document entitled "An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America" came to light in the 2007 trial of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development on the charge of funneling charitable donations to the jihad terror group Hamas....

Akram states that the Brotherhood's 1987 blueprint was designed to bring about the "Enablement of Islam in North America" by means of a 6-point plan:

1. Establishing an effective and stable Islamic Movement led by the Muslim Brotherhood.

2. Adopting Muslims' causes domestically and globally.

3. Unifying and directing Muslims' efforts.

5. Presenting Islam as a civilization alternative.

6. Supporting the establishment of the global Islamic State wherever it is....

The Brotherhood's efforts in the U.S. would aid the worldwide Islamic jihad, which aims for a supranational unity among Muslims under the rule of Islamic law [sharia law] — which they would then work to impose upon the non-Muslim world as well.

-- *Stealth Jihad* by Robert Spencer, pp. 16-18

Islamic honor

The father of a 15-year-old schoolgirl who disappeared without trace 10 years ago from Woodford Green, north London, has been jailed for a minimum of 22 years after being found guilty of murdering her in a so-called "honour killing".

Tulay Goren was killed on 7 January 1999 after falling in love with Halil Unal, a fellow Turkish Kurd twice her age, and running away from home to live with him.

Her family disapproved because he was a Sunni Muslim while they were Alevis, a different branch of Islam.

The family, originally from Elbistan, in south-eastern Turkey, adhered to the code of *namus*, or honour, practised in many rural communities there.

Mehmet killed his daughter in order to restore the *namus* breached when she ran away to live with Unal, the trial was told.

-- guardian.co.uk, 17 December 2009

A foreign policy of penance has won America no friends

By Faoud Ajami

Mr. Obama's election has not drained the swamps of anti-Americanism. That anti-Americanism is endemic to this region [the Muslim world], an alibi and a scapegoat for nations, and their rulers, unwilling to break out of the grip of political autocracy and economic failure. It predated the presidency of George W. Bush and rages on during the Obama presidency.

We had once taken to the foreign world that quintessential American difference—the belief in liberty, a needed innocence to play off against the settled and complacent

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. — Mark Twain

ways of older nations. The Obama approach is different.

Steeped in an overarching idea of American guilt, Mr. Obama and his lieutenants offered nothing less than a doctrine, and a policy, of American penance. No one told Mr. Obama that in the Islamic world, where American power is engaged and so dangerously exposed, it is considered bad form, nay a great moral lapse, to speak ill of one's own tribe when in the midst, and in the lands, of others.

The crowd [in Turkey, in Cairo] may have applauded the cavalier way the new steward of American power referred to his predecessor, but in the privacy of their own language they doubtless wondered about his character and his fidelity. "My brother and I against my cousin, my cousin and I against the stranger," goes one of the Arab world's most honored maxims. The stranger who came into their midst and spoke badly of his own was destined to become an object of suspicion....

-- Mr. Ajami, a professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, is the author of "The Foreigner's Gift" (Free Press, 2007) *Wall St. Journal*, Nov. 29, 2009

Right and left join forces on criminal justice

In the next several months, the Supreme Court will decide several cases about the rights of people accused of crimes involving drugs, sex and corruption. Civil liberties groups and associations of defense lawyers have lined up on the side of the accused.

But so have conservative, libertarian and business groups. Their briefs and public statements are signs of an emerging consensus on the right that the criminal justice system is an aspect of big government that must be contained.

In an interview at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research group where he is a fellow, former Attorney General Edwin Meese said the "liberal ideas of extending the power of the state" were to blame for an out-of-control criminal justice system. "Our tradition has always been," he said, "to construe criminal laws narrowly to protect people from the power of the state."

There are, the foundation says, more than 4,400 criminal offenses in the federal code, many of them lacking a requirement that prosecutors prove criminal intent.

"It's a violation of federal law to give a false weather report," Mr. Meese said. "People get put in jail for importing lobsters."

Such so-called overcriminalization is at the heart of the conservative critique of crime policy. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce made the point in a recent friend-of-the-court brief about a federal law often used to prosecute corporate executives and politicians. The law, which makes it a crime for officials to defraud their employers of "honest services," is, the brief said, both "unintelligible" and "used to target a staggeringly broad swath of behavior."

Harvey A. Silverglate, a left-wing civil liberties lawyer, says he has been surprised and delighted by the reception that his new book, *Three Felonies a Day: How the Feds Target the Innocent*, has gotten in conservative circles.

The book argues that federal criminal law is so comprehensive and vague that all Americans violate it every day, meaning prosecutors can indict anyone at all.

"Libertarians and the civil liberties left have always had some common ground on these issues," said Radley Balko, a senior editor at *Reason*, a libertarian magazine. "The more vocal presence of conservatives on overcriminalization issues is really what's new."

Several strands of conservatism have merged in objecting to aspects of the criminal justice system. Some conservatives are suspicious of all government power, while others insist that the federal government has been intruding into matters the Constitution reserves to the states.

In January, for instance, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in *U.S. v. Comstock*, about whether Congress has the constitutional power to authorize the continued confinement of people convicted of sex crimes after they have completed their criminal sentences.

Then there are conservatives who worry about government seizure of private property said to have been used to facilitate crimes, an issue raised in *Alvarez v. Smith*, which was argued in October.

"A joint on a yacht, and the whole thing is forfeited," said Paul Cassell, a law professor at the University of Utah and a former federal judge appointed by President George W. Bush.

Some religious groups object to prison policies that appear to ignore the possibility of rehabilitation and

redemption, and fiscal conservatives are concerned about the cost of maintaining the world's largest prison population.

The roots of the conservative re-examination of crime policy might also be found in the jurisprudence of Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. The two justices, joined by liberal colleagues, have said the original meaning of the Constitution required them to rule against the government in, among other areas, the rights of criminal defendants to confront witnesses.

"Scalia and Thomas are vanguards of an understanding by the modern right that its distrust of government extends all the way to the criminal justice system," said Douglas A. Berman, a law professor at Ohio State University.

The court will hear *Briscoe v. Virginia*, a sequel to a decision that prosecutors may not use crime lab reports without live testimony from the analysts who prepared them

The conservative re-evaluation of crime policy is not universal, of course. Two notable exceptions to the trend, said Timothy Lynch, director of the Cato Institute's criminal justice project, are Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.

"Roberts and Alito are coming down consistently on the side of the government in these criminal justice cases," Mr. Lynch said.

-- New York Times, Nov. 24, 2009

Patriot's Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the weaponry to make the difference!

-- American Patriot Friends Network

Report: NRA fights UN gun ban

Over the last few weeks, we have received many inquiries regarding the UN and the impact of international treaties on our Second Amendment freedom.

The National Rifle Association has been engaged at the UN in response to anti-small arms initiatives for over 14 years. In most cases, agendas for the elimination of private ownership of firearms are disguised as calls to stem the flow of illicit military weapons. These [gun bans] are generally promoted by a small group of nations and a large number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working with multi-national institutions such as the UN and European Union.

The current issue under discussion is the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). There is no actual draft text at this time. Work on the ATT is scheduled to continue by a consensus process between now and 2012. It should be noted that any treaty must be approved by two thirds of the U.S. Senate.

Attempts to thwart our freedoms should be no surprise, given the anti-gun climate of the international community in general, and the current U.S. administration in particular.

For many years, NRA has been fighting any credible attempts on the part of the UN to restrict our sovereignty and gun rights. As a recognized NGO since 1997, NRA gives gun owners a strong voice in the UN's debate over global "gun control." As one of over 2,000 NGOs representing everyone from religious groups to the banking industry, NRA has access to UN meetings that are closed to the general public, and is able to distribute informational materials to participants.

Most importantly, NRA's status as an NGO allows us to monitor the internal UN debate over firearm issues and report back to our members.

Due to our NGO status, NRA was able to take an active role in thwarting the absurdly titled "UN Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects" in 2006, and the previous meeting, the "UN Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons" in 2001.

In the final analysis, the complexity of the issue and the concerns of hunters, sport shooters and firearm owners world-wide prevailed. No recommendations on ammunition, civilian possession or future UN meetings were adopted.

In addition to its UN activities, NRA is a founding member of the World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA). The WFSA is an association of hunting, shooting, and industry organizations founded in 1996. The WFSA includes over 35 national and international organizations, and represents over 100 million sport shooters worldwide. We have never hesitated, nor will we hesitate, to use the political and other resources available to us to resist any international agreement that could in any way affect our Second Amendment rights.

-- NRA/ILA November 25, 2009

Congress Seeks to Authorize FEMA Camps

By Lee Rogers

A bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives called the National Emergency Centers Act (HR 645) that would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish "not fewer than 6" national emergency centers on military installations. This is an incredibly disturbing piece of legislation considering that the powers that be have already set up a nationwide marital law apparatus through U.S. Northern Command and the Department of Homeland Security. Apparently, intelligence "fusion centers," militarized police, surveillance cameras and a domestic military command is not enough. Now they want to legalize the construction of FEMA camps on military installations using the ever popular excuse that the facilities are for the purposes of a national emergency. However Sect. 2(b)(4) of HR 645 authorizes "existing infrastructure to meet other appropriate needs, as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security."

One of the "minimum requirements" of a site designated as a national emergency center is that it shall be "capable of meeting for an extended period of time the housing, health, transportation, education, public works, humanitarian and other transition needs of a large number of individuals affected by an emergency or major disaster."

With the phony debt-based economy getting worse, the possibility of civil unrest is becoming a greater threat to the establishment. One need only look at Iceland, Greece and other nations for what might happen in the United States....

The rationale behind this legislation is undoubtedly to serve as a mechanism of control if the authorities need facilities to hold large amounts of dissenting people. This is not to help people. One only needs to take a look at what happened during Hurricane Katrina and it is obvious that the government does not care about the people. They didn't care then, and they don't care now, and these facilities will definitely not be utilized for the people's interest.

-- www.roguegovernment.com, January 26, 2009

Civilian Inmate Labor Program, AR 210-35

Effective 14 February 2005
By order of the Secretary of the Army
PETER J. SCHOOMAKER, General,
United States Army, Chief of Staff

Summary. This regulation provides guidance for establishing and managing civilian inmate labor programs on Army installations. It provides guidance on establishing prison camps on Army installations. It addresses record keeping and reporting incidents related to the Civilian Inmate Labor Program and/or prison camp administration.

Purpose. This regulation provides Army policy and guidance for establishing civilian inmate labor programs and civilian prison camps on Army installations. Sources of civilian inmate labor are limited to on- and off-post Federal corrections facilities, State and/or local corrections facilities operating from on-post prison camps pursuant to leases under Section 2667, Title 10, United States Code (10 USC 2667), and off-post State corrections facilities participating in the demonstration project authorized under Section 1065, Public Law (PL) 103-337. Otherwise, State and/or local inmate labor from off-post corrections facilities is currently excluded from this program.

2-1 Policy Statement

a. With a few exceptions, the Army's Civilian Inmate Labor Program is currently limited to using inmates from facilities under the control of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP).
d. However, there are 3 exceptions to using State or local civilian inmate labor from off-post corrections facilities—
(1) Section 1065, PL 103-337, allows the Army to conduct a demonstration project. This demonstration project tests the feasibility of providing prerelease employment training to nonviolent offenders in a State corrections facility.
(2) Army National Guard units leasing facilities from the Army or occupying State-owned land or facilities may use inmates from an off-post State and/or local corrections facility.
(3) The prohibition against use of State and/or local civilian inmate labor from off-post corrections facilities does not apply to Civil Works projects where the Army has statutory authority to accept voluntary contributions in the form of services from State or local governments. If contributed, inmate services are combined with materials or services paid for with Federally appropriated funds; the use of civilian inmate labor must also comply with the provisions of EO 11755. The use of civilian inmate labor under these exceptions must still comply with the requirements of this regulation.

Ed.: for now anyway it seems that only convicts are being sent to Army prison camps.

U.K. loses fight over fiscal sovereignty

The U.K. lost a critical fight with European Union regulators over a British demand that the "burden of proof" should be on European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) to justify their actions in disputes over national sovereignty. Instead, the complaining country must first get the support of a majority of Europe's 27 governments in order to block an ESA ruling.

"The burden of proof will rest with Britain, or the complainant country. It has to get a majority against the supervisor. It will not be a question of the supervisor having to get a majority to support it in a dispute with a national government," said an EU official.

British Conservatives have accused the Government of having "caved in on its red line" that EU regulators must not be able to take decisions that impact on British taxpayers.

"Does the Government have a veto over any decisions made by the ESA in an emergency that have a fiscal impact on Britain, or do they have to make an appeal against these decisions? This is another example of the Government failing to stick to its red lines," said Mark Hoban, the shadow financial secretary.

Christine Lagarde, the French finance minister, who successfully blocked the British "burden of proof" demand, said "We're in the process of creating a real European authority."

France has consistently favoured extensive powers but Britain has fought off proposals to win some guarantees preventing powerful regulators from ordering banks and governments what to do.

-- Telegraph.co.uk, Dec. 2, 2009

Ed.: how does the European Union differ from a mini-UN, ruling as it does 27 "nations"? Forget national sovereignty, "supervisory authorities" call the shots. -- Anyone wish to guess the EU's "supervisory authorities" position regarding mere private individuals owning the tools it might take to regain freedom from unelected mandarins?

'Talking' CCTV cameras go live

CCTV cameras that have the potential to talk to passersby have gone live across Hounslow - but Big Brother will not be speaking just yet.

Instead, the cameras, which can be fitted with technology to recognise faces and give people a ticking off through speakers, will remain

silent as they keep a watchful eye on about 200 hot spots in the borough.

The new community safety system enables Hounslow Council and the police to monitor thousands of people from a lone control room. It is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Specially trained operators will have full control over the cameras and police will be able to take over if an incident occurs that they need to keep tabs on.

In the future the cameras could be installed with thermal imaging technology to help search for suspects and missing people and a gadget to match faces and number plates against the police database, as well as speakers.

Camera locations are set by agencies including the council, police, and fire service.

Council leader, Councillor Peter Thompson, said: "People consistently tell us they want more CCTV to make them feel safer on the borough's streets.

"People assume that just because there is a camera, the police can see what's going on, but that isn't the case at all. Different organisations have different cameras, and in the past these haven't been shared as well as they could."

Councillor Paul Fisher added: "As the new system has a wireless element, it means it will be easier to deploy portable cameras to help tackle environmental crimes like fly-tipping and graffiti, which can have a massive negative impact on an area."

--www.hounslowguardian.co.uk Dec. 16, 2009

Licensed CC permit holders targeted by press

The *Indianapolis Star* revealed its own gun database in an attempt to capitalize on the same misguided policy as the *Bloomington Herald-Times*. The *Star's* database is modified from a street-based catalogue of the number of permit holders in a defined area, to a demographic listing of Indiana ZIP codes, including the percentage of the population that are permit holders, as well as the their gender, race and age. However, such differences do not hide the paper's intent. The searchable database of law-abiding carry permit holders is included in the "Public Safety" section of the paper's website. The paper seems to believe that it's a matter of "public safety" for people to know how many lawful permit holders live near them. Apparently the *Star* thinks that

law-abiding concealed carry permit holders are to be regarded with caution.

-- NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert, Vol. 16, No. 50, 12/18/09

Ed.: so thieves and zealots could potentially hack into press or police databases and get the street addresses of CCP holders? Or the police themselves could someday engage in gun confiscation? CCP is one great idea, no?

Lawyers & "Lay lawyers"

By Tom Cryer

People need to be informed of what the law demands of them and to what the law entitles them, but that does not mean they need to be able to do what lawyers do.

This may sound patrician, but people need to leave lawyering to lawyers just as they leave medical treatment to doctors. If they have doubts as to their rights and duties they should consult a competent and reputable (getting harder to find, I'll grant you) attorney to research the issue and explain his findings. His recommendations will not be limited to the law alone, which is what a layman doing his own research may conclude. An attorney's advice will take into account the law, how it is interpreted and applied (and how it is misinterpreted and misapplied) by the courts, procedural obstacles, the weight and admissibility of evidence, the risks and a host of other forces at play in the real world. While a layman may act upon reliance on the raw material, the attorney will advise on the basis of the finished product.

If people want to understand the law, then have them get that understanding from those who not only know the law, but understand it and the process it undergoes between client decision to initiate and court decision to adjudicate.

We don't need for people to go out and read law, draw erroneous conclusions and then confuse and mislead others. "Lay lawyers", as Pete Hendrickson likes to call himself, are just as dangerous and counterproductive as "lay surgeons". Look at how many people have been fined thousands of dollars or, worse, prosecuted and imprisoned for following his "lay advice". Look at what happened to him for drinking his own "lay kool-aid". Not only did he get the law wrong with his *inclusio ab exclusio* misapplication, he got the advice wrong, telling people to put themselves in harm's way, pushing them under the bus. How many of those people would

still be working for the cause if it weren't for the adverse results of a lawyer wannabe's bad advice?

What lawyer would tell people the UCC, state commercial transactions law, trumps federal tax law? What lawyer would tell people that there is a secret body of law hiding a Straw Man? What lawyer would mistake a "reorganization" for a bankruptcy? What lawyer would fabricate a non-existent use for a for-use-by-corporations-issuing-original-issue-discount-bonds-only interest reporting form as a draft or some kind of financial weapon?

These people remind me of the Japanese propaganda machine that had the Saipan natives so convinced that Americans would rape, torture and murder them that hundreds, perhaps thousands, leapt to their deaths from cliffs, many after throwing their children and babies over. Senseless waste, senseless destruction of humanity, all for the sake of manipulating and maintaining control of others. At least the Japs did it for their "god", the emperor. These people are doing it for profit, self-aggrandizement, the government or all three.

What we need is more lawyers who are aware of the schism between the IRS myths and the law itself. If and when the legal community wakes up and becomes aware of the fraud it will be over.

-- CryerLaw@aol.com, Nov. 22, 2009

UI looting to cease in NJ?

The General Assembly unanimously approved a Constitutional Amendment to secure New Jersey's Unemployment Insurance (UI) and other worker compensation funds. The Amendment will be placed on the November 2010 ballot.

Between 1993 and 2005, New Jersey's UI fund was raided of more than \$4.7 billion. These diversions left the fund ill-prepared to meet its obligations during the current recession. As a result, New Jersey's employers were forced to pay \$350 million in additional payroll taxes,

meaning they paid twice for the same employee benefit.

Passing the Amendment will prohibit future legislative raids and prevent employers from paying twice for the same employee benefit.

-- CIANJ Business Beat, 12.11.09

In New Orleans chaos in the streets, and in police ranks, too

During the turbulent days after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans police shot 10 civilians, at least four of whom died.

Some incidents have prompted a U.S. Justice Department inquiry into the New Orleans Police Department.

But a fresh examination of the post-storm period — a joint effort by ProPublica, *The New Orleans Times-Picayune*, and PBS "Frontline" — raises additional questions about police who shot civilians. It also reveals deep flaws in the department's efforts to investigate its officers' use of deadly force in the chaos after the storm.

At the NOPD, each shooting is supposed to be thoroughly scrutinized to ensure the decision to shoot was proper. But in the Katrina shootings, the department performed only cursory investigations before exonerating their fellow officers, interviews and internal police documents show.

Cops who were present when the gunfire occurred took no statements from witnesses, or even their names and phone numbers. They repeatedly failed to gather important physical evidence, like weapons and bullet casings.

In one case, the lead NOPD detective examining a fatal shooting completed her report without reading the autopsy. She did not realize the victim had been shot in the back, an injury that contradicted the officers' version of events.

More than four years later, the performance of the police after Katrina remains a matter of debate. Many officers who stuck it out during those days behaved selflessly, saving lives while working in the worst of conditions.

However, hundreds of officers abandoned their posts, and some were spotted stealing from stores.

-- *ProPublica and The Times-Picayune*, 12 Dec. 2009

Ed.: and let's not forget the N.O.-invited California Highway Patrol officer who beat up and disarmed a peaceable woman, nor the National Guardsmen who wouldn't rescue women on roof tops surrounded by flood water if they didn't bare their breasts when told to "show me what you got."

Nat'l Survey on the Impact of Public School Teacher Unions on the Education of America's Children

1. Are you aware that in 34 states there are "collective bargaining" laws that compel local school boards to negotiate exclusively with teacher unions if a simple majority of public school teachers in that district vote to have the union represent them?

2. In 1976 the National Education Assn (NEA), the nation's largest teacher union, made its first-ever presidential endorsement, of Jimmy Carter. (The NEA has endorsed every Democratic presidential nominee and NEA members have been the largest bloc of delegates at Democratic National Conventions ever since). In 1977 Pres. Carter rewarded the NEA by creating the U.S. Department of Education.

Do you support fulfilling Ronald Reagan's 1980 pledge to abolish the U.S. Department of Education?

3. Section 14011 of Pres. Obama's economic stimulus plan reads in part "No recipient of funds under this title shall use such funds to provide financial aid to students to attend private elementary or secondary schools."

Do you support this clear political payoff to the teacher unions that bars any stimulus funds from being invested in educational choice programs that help empower parents to choose the best schools for their children?

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